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segments can be fixed. Therefore, the commutator surface in contact with the brush can be maintained flat.

Page 8, lines 2-6, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

B2  
In summary, the armature core 2 has the projections 21 that retain the conductor segments 4 and 5 in the slots 20 and a pressed portion 22 that anchors parts of the in-slot portions 40, 50 of conductor segments 4 and 5 to the armature core 2 more strongly than the rest of the in-slot portions.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1 and 2 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) An armature of a rotary electric machine comprising:  
a rotary shaft;  
an armature core composed of a plurality of laminated sheets through which said shaft is inserted and a plurality of slots and projections at the outer periphery thereof;  
an armature coil composed of a plurality of conductor segments having in-slot portions being respectively inserted into said slots; and  
a commutator formed by a portion of said armature coil to be integrated with said armature coil at an end thereof, wherein said armature core comprises a belt-like pressed anchoring portion disposed at a portion of said laminated sheets near said commutator for anchoring a part of each of said in-slot portions that correspond to said portion of said laminated sheets to said armature core more strongly than other parts of said in-slot portions.
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2. (Amended) The armature according to claim 2, wherein said anchoring portion is disposed at least at a space corresponding to one of said laminated sheets apart from said end adjacent to said commutator.